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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 15 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m. 4069th meeting Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina
Briefing by the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 864 (1993) CONCERNING THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA

3.30 p.m. 18th meeting (closed) Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m. 53rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie [25]:
 - (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/397)
 - (b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.25)

(continued overleaf)

2. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]:ove
 - (a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/540) [17 (a)]
 - (b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/541) [17 (b)]
 - (c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors: report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/542) [17 (c)]
 - (d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/543) [17 (d)]
 - (e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal: report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/544) [17 (e)]
 - (f) Appointment of a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee: report of Fifth Committee (A/54/545) [17 (f)]
3. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency: draft resolution (A/54/L.21/Rev.1) [14]

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

- 10 a.m. 41st meeting Conference Room 4
- Macroeconomic policy questions [97]
- (c) Trade and development (A/54/15 and Parts I-V, A/54/304, A/54/392, A/54/486, A/54/529, A/54/94-S/1999/518)
- Conclusion of general discussion*
- (b) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries (A/54/471, A/54/512 and A/54/512/Add.1)

Introduction and general discussion

- Morning*-1 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6
- Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.22 (item 100), A/C.2/54/L.23 (item 100 (f)), A/C.2/54/L.28 and L.29 (item 100 (b))

* Immediately following the adjournment of the 41st meeting of the Second Committee.

3 p.m.-6 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.10 (item 99 (d)), A/C.2/54/L.11 (item 99(e)), A/C.2/54/L.13 (item 99 (b)) and resolution 17/1 of the Commission on Human Settlements

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 46th meeting Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions [116]
 - (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.62, L.64 L.65, L.66, L.67, L.68, L.69, L.70 and L.71

- (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.59, L.60 and L.63

2. Crime prevention and criminal justice [107]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.21/Rev.1 and L.88

3. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [114]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.28/Rev.1

4. Right of peoples to self-determination [115]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.27

5. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [111]
(A/54/12 and Add.1, A/54/91, A/54/98, A/54/99, A/54/285, A/54/286, A/54/414, A/54/469)

Continuation of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 124 (Pattern of conferences (A/54/32, A/54/176, A/54/208, A/54/221, A/54/262, A/53/833, A/53/919 and Corr.1 (French only), and Add.1 and Corr.1 (Russian only), and Add.2 and Corr.1 (French only), A/54/7, A/52/1000, A/52/7, A/53/257, A/51/946, A/52/685, A/53/16 and A/53/669))

3 p.m. 38th meeting Conference Room 3

Organization of work

Afternoon*-6 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 124 (Pattern of conferences (A/54/32, A/54/176, A/54/208, A/54/221, A/54/262, A/53/833, A/53/919 and Corr.1 (French only), and Add.1 and Corr.1 (Russian only), and Add.2 and Corr.1 (French only), A/54/7, A/52/1000, A/52/7, A/53/257, A/51/946, A/52/685, A/53/16 and A/53/669))

* Following the adjournment of the 38th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 32nd meeting Conference Room 2

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [160] (A/54/37, A/54/301 and Add.1, A/C.6/54/L.2, A/C.6/54/2)

Morning*-1 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 2

Informal consultations on the draft resolution concerning the Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property (item 152)

3 p.m. 33rd meeting Conference Room 2

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [160] (A/54/37, A/54/301 and Add.1, A/C.6/54/L.2, A/C.6/54/2)

Afternoon**-6 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 2

Informal consultations on draft resolutions concerning the measures to eliminate international terrorism (item 160)

* Following the adjournment of the 32nd meeting of the Sixth Committee.

** Following the adjournment of the 33rd meeting of the Sixth Committee.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

3 p.m.-6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses
2. Draft report

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. closed meeting Room DC2-470A

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Room DC2-470A

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed session

10.30 a.m.-
1 p.m. 50th meeting Economic and Social
Council Chamber

1. Briefing by Mr. Patrizio Civili, Assistant-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, on the work of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC)

2. Consideration of the draft decision of the Commission on Human Rights at its fourth special session entitled "Situation of human rights in East Timor" (E/1999/23/Add.1)
3. Election of one member for the Executive Board of the World Food Programme
4. Consideration of the draft decision entitled "Participation of non-governmental organizations accredited to the World summit for Social Development in the work of the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-eighth session" (E/1999/L.60)
5. Other matters

Announcements

SECOND COMMITTEE

Copies of the compilation of amendments proposed to draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.19 (globalization and interdependence) (item 104) on the basis of written submissions will be available on Monday, 15 November 1999, in the morning, in room S-2950.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 15 November 1999

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolutions on item 97 (c) (Trade and development);
and item 97 (b) (Financing of development, including
net transfer of resources))

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room B

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolutions on item 98 (b) (Business and development),
item 99 (f) Implementation of the Programme of Action
for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990's, item 97 (c)
(Trade and development); and item 97 (b) Financing
of development, including net transfer of resources))

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room B

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SPECIAL POLITICAL AND
DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE
(FOURTH COMMITTEE)
(on the Committee on Information)

10 a.m.-
11 a.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 1

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

3.30 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 8

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

10.30 a.m.-
1 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(coordination meeting: draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.2
(debt) and other pending issues)

6 p.m.-
7 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 7

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT
(informal meeting on the right to development)

11 a.m.-
1 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

6.15 p.m.-
7.30 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 8

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Trusteeship
Council Chamber

Panel discussion

The Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs will hold a discussion of a draft paper on "Resources for Social Development" presented by Professor Anthony Clunies Ross on Monday, 15 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9. This discussion will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Cristian Maquieira (Chile). All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Della Wong (tel.: (212) 963-2598).

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolutions on item 98 (b) (Business and development);
item 99 (f) Implementation of the Programme of Action
for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990's; on item 97 (c):
specific actions related to the particular needs and
problems of the land lock developing countries)

1.30 p.m.-
2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 8

Informal briefings

Mr. Vladimir Fenopetov, Head of the Programme for Central and Eastern Europe, and West and Central Asia of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, will hold an informal briefing on the theme "Drug Threat from Afghanistan via Central Asia" on Monday, 15 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room A. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Mr. Maurice F. Strong, President of the Council on the University for Peace, will hold an informal briefing on the latest developments relating to the revitalization of the University for Peace, especially in light of General Assembly discussions under agenda item 21 (University for Peace) (document A/54/312), and on the forthcoming Council session, to be held in San José (Costa Rica) from 21 to 23 November 1999. The briefing will be held on Monday, 15 November 1999, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 9. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Announcement

As from Monday, 1 November 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 16 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m. 22nd meeting Conference
Room 4

10.30 a.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 10

3 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 10

SECOND COMMITTEE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

10 a.m. informal consultations Conference
(closed) Room 6

Informal consultations on agenda item 20

3 p.m. informal consultations Conference
(closed) Room 6

The delegation of Finland, on behalf of the European Union, invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the European Union draft resolution on safety and security of humanitarian personnel and the protection of the United Nations personnel, to be held on Tuesday, 16 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 47th meeting Conference
Room 1

3 p.m. 48th meeting Conference
Room 1

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will begin consideration of the remaining item on its agenda, namely, item 91 (Questions relating to information) on Tuesday, 16 November 1999, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room 4. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to agenda item 91 are kindly requested to notify the Secretariat (room S-2977; tel.: (212) 963-9223).

FIFTH COMMITTEE

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

10 a.m. informal consultations Conference
(closed) Room 5

3 p.m. informal consultations Conference
(closed) Room 5

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" will hold informal consultations on 23 and 24 November, as well as during the week of 29 November 1999. The informal consultations on 23 and 24 November will focus on the draft text of a political declaration for the special session. Copies of the revised text are available in the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216). Delegations are invited to submit amendments thereto by 19 November 1999. The informal consultations during the week of 29 November will focus on the basic structure of the outcome of the session, as well as modalities for participation by non-governmental organizations.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 34th meeting Conference
Room 2

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**United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought
and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa**

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The third session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will take place from 15 to 26 November 1999 in Recife, Brazil. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 22 to 24 November 1999. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations

programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment on 22 and 23 November is now open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties in Brazil (Ms. June Chesney; tel.: 55-81-301-7369; fax: 55-81-301-7448. A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Recife on Monday, 15 November.

The provisional agenda and the organization of work contained in document ICCD/COP(3)/1 can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site at the following address: <http://www.unccd.de>

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Panel discussion

The second panel discussion on "Dialogue among Civilizations: A Call for Common Grounds", organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran, will be held on Monday, 22 November 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The panel discussion will be held in the framework of General Assembly resolution 53/22 of 4 November 1998, designating the year 2001 as the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations.

Professor Richard Falk, Princeton University, Dr. Mohammad J. Faridzadeh, Adviser to President Khatami and President of the International Center for Dialogue among Civilizations, Professor Samuel Huntington, Harvard University, H.E. Mr. Kishore Mahboubani, Permanent Representative of Singapore, and Mr. Federico Mayor, Director-General of UNESCO, will be among the participants. The discussion will be moderated by Mr. Giandomenico Pico, Personal Representative of the Secretary-General for the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Informal briefing

The New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights invites all interested members of permanent missions and representatives of non-governmental organizations to a briefing with Ms. Catherine von Heidenstam, Chairperson of the Working Group on a Draft Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on "The Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict", which will take place on Tuesday, 16 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors and interested delegations on the draft resolution on agenda item 18 (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples) on Thursday, 18 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7. Interested delegations wishing to participate in the informal consultations may obtain a copy of the proposed draft resolution in room S-2977.

Seminar

There will be a seminar on "Politimetrics: Indicators and Measurements of Social Integration", organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Council, on Wednesday, 24 November 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon and from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room A. Dr. Monty G. Marshall, Senior Research Associate, Center for International Development and Conflict Management, University of Maryland, will be the main speaker. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 12 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

4064th meeting

The situation in Tajikistan and along the Tajik-Afghan border

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Tajikistan (S/1999/1127)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Tajikistan, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1999/1158, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a statement by the representative of Tajikistan.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/1999/1158) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1999/1158) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1274 (1999).

4065th meeting

The situation in Georgia

Report of the Secretary-General concerning the situation in Abkhazia, Georgia (S/1999/1087)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Georgia, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1999/30).

4066th meeting

The situation in Somalia

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Somalia (S/1999/882)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1999/31).

4067th meeting

The situation in Burundi

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Burundi, Finland, Norway and the United Republic of Tanzania, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Ibrahim Fall, Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a statement by the Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs.

The Council then heard a statement by the representative of Burundi.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, China, Argentina, the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Bahrain, France, the Gambia, Brazil, Namibia, Gabon, Malaysia and the Netherlands, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Slovenia.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Romania - and the associated country, Malta, as well as the EFTA country member of the EEA, Liechtenstein, which aligned themselves with the statement), Norway and the United Republic of Tanzania.

4068th meeting

The situation in Burundi

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1999/32).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

39th meeting

*Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]**Introduction of draft decision A/C.2/54/L.31*

The representative of Guyana introduced the draft decision on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

*Sectoral policy questions [98]**(a) Industrial development cooperation**Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.27*

The representative of Guyana introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

*Environment and sustainable development [100]**(b) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction**Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.28 and L.29*

The representative of Guyana introduced the draft resolutions on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, as well as Mexico.

*Training and research [102]**Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.30*

The representative of Guyana introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [103]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.32

The representative of Egypt introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Tunisia. The United States had been erroneously listed as a sponsor.

*Macroeconomic policy questions [97]**(c) Trade and development*

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the Deputy Director of the Division for Public Economics and Public Administration of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Ghana, the United States, the Russian Federation, Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Thailand (on behalf of ASEAN), Norway and India.

The representative of the European Community made a statement on behalf of the European Union, as well as Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus and Malta.

40th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 97 (c) and heard statements by the representatives of South Africa, Cuba, Ecuador, Uruguay (on behalf of MERCOSUR), Uganda (on behalf of the East African Cooperation), Colombia, Pakistan, Belarus, the Lao People's Democratic Republic (on behalf of the land-locked developing countries), Romania, Ukraine, China, Mongolia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Australia (on behalf of the Cairns group of agricultural countries), Trinidad and Tobago and Haiti.

A statement was made by the representative of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM).

A statement was also made by the representative of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

Deadline

At the request of the Group of 77 and China, the deadline for submission of draft proposals under agenda item 98 (b) was extended to Tuesday, 16 November, at 6 p.m.

THIRD COMMITTEE

44th meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [111]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees made an introductory statement.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, in which the

representatives of South Africa, Spain, the Sudan, Guinea, Finland, Guatemala, the United States, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the United Republic of Tanzania, Benin, Austria and Mexico took part.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries, Cyprus and Malta), Mozambique, Norway, Japan, Guatemala, Mexico, Canada, Sierra Leone and the Russian Federation.

45th meeting

The Committee resumed consideration of agenda item 111 and heard a statement by the observer for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.57

The representative of Chile, also on behalf of Côte d'Ivoire and the Republic of Korea, introduced the draft resolution.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [116 (b)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.61

The representative of Ireland, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Afghanistan, introduced the draft resolution.

Advancement of women [109]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item, and heard a statement by the Assistant Secretary-General, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women, and Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on the report of the Secretary-General, on the new structure and working method of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (A/54/500).

A statement was made by the representative of the Dominican Republic.

The Director of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women responded to questions raised by the representatives of Mexico and Cuba.

The Assistant-Secretary-General, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women and Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, made concluding remarks.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the agenda item.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement on the organization of the work of the Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

37th meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [119]

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

The Committee resumed its consideration of these agenda items.

Administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the report of that Committee (A/54/7/Add.1).

The Chairman of the Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board introduced the report of the Standing Committee (A/54/206).

The report of the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications arising from the report of the Standing Committee was before the Committee in document A/C.5/54/22.

Statements were made by the representatives of Uganda and the United States.

The Chairman of the Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board also made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would be announced at a later date.

Organization of work

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Chairman also made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

30th meeting

United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law [153]

Statements were made by the representatives of Ghana, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), the Republic of Korea, Malaysia (on behalf of ASEAN), Singapore, the Niger, Cyprus and Solomon Islands.

The Committee thus concluded its debate on item 153.

Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property [152]

The Chairman of the Working Group, Mr. Gerhard Hafner, made an oral report on the work carried out by the Working Group.

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [159]

Implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.3/Rev.1

The representative of Ghana introduced the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.3/Rev.1 without a vote.

The representative of the Russian Federation spoke in explanation of position after the adoption of the draft resolution.

31st meeting

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [160]

The Chairman of the Working Group, Mr. Philippe Kirsch, introduced the report of the Working Group.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), Finland (on behalf of European Union), Colombia, Japan, the United Arab Emirates, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Korea, Yemen, Belarus and Sierra Leone.

The representatives of New Zealand and Japan made announcements.

COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

248th meeting

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee (Afghanistan) chaired the meeting and made a statement.

Consideration of the draft report of the Committee to the General Assembly (A/AC.183/1999/CRP.2)

The Rapporteur of the Committee introduced the draft report of the Committee.

The Committee adopted its annual report for submission to the General Assembly.

Consideration of draft resolutions on the question of Palestine

The Vice-Chairman introduced draft resolutions on the programme of work of the Committee, the Division for Palestine Rights, the Department of Public Information and peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine.

The Permanent Observer of Palestine made a statement.

The Committee approved the draft resolutions.

Other matters

The Chairman made a statement.

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE

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399th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee began its consideration of the third periodic report of Peru (CAT/C/39/Add.1). In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and introduced the report submitted by their Government.

400th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee adopted its concluding observations on the second periodic report of Austria and continued its consideration of the third periodic report of Finland.

The representatives of the State party replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee during the 397th meeting.

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item in closed session.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR). Geneva, 1 July 1970

Succession: The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
(10 November 1999)*

Protocol on Combined Transport on Inland Waterways to the European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC) of 1991. Geneva, 17 January 1997

Acceptance: Netherlands (2 November 1999)*

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

The Optional Protocol will be open for signature by any State that has signed, ratified or acceded to the Convention at United Nations Headquarters in New York from Friday, 10 December 1999, in accordance with its article 15 (1).

Delegations are advised to contact the Treaty Section in advance to arrange appointments to this effect (room 3200; tel.: (212) 963-5047; fax: (212) 963-3693).

It is also advised that delegations intending to sign the Protocol submit, as necessary, full powers in advance to the Treaty Section.

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of November 1999 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

Algeria
H.E. Mr. Abdallah Baali

Asian States:

Viet Nam
H.E. Mr. Pham Binh Minh
Chargé d'affaires

Eastern European States:

Croatia
H.E. Mr. Ivan Šimonović

Latin American and Caribbean States:

Saint Kitts and Nevis
H.E. Mr. Joseph Christmas
Chargé d'affaires

Western European and other States:

Liechtenstein
H.E. Mrs. Claudia Fritsche

Exhibits

The Chinese painting and calligraphy exhibit entitled "Nature and Humanity", organized by the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information and the General Office of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, will be on display until Thursday, 18 November 1999 at the Visitor's Entrance.

The international poster exhibit entitled "Childhood is not Child's Play", organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany, in cooperation with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and with the support of Deutsche Lufthansa, will be on display until Sunday, 21 November 1999, in the Visitor's Lobby.

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